

December 28, 2023  
Baldwin, Michigan 49304

Regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Lake was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Haslock.

Present - Richard Haslock, *LCRC Commissioner*  
Gary Truxton, *LCRC Commissioner*  
Joan Runnels, *LCRC Commissioner*  
William VanDyke, *Finance & HR Manager*  
Leroy Williams, *Manager*  
Shawn MacDougall, *Road Foreman*  
Al Dailey, *Road Foreman*  
David Leusby, *Shop Foreman*  
Austin MacDougall, *Assistant*  
Dennis Robinson, *Engineer Tech*

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Runnels to approve the December 14, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Supported by Truxton. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

Motion made by Runnels to approve:

Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5222, \$225,156.00
Payroll Voucher	# 5221, \$76,730.23
FSA Voucher	# 5223, \$284.60

Supported by Truxton. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Roll call vote.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

#### REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

##### FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Budget hearing at 10:00 a.m.



MANAGER:

Williams is in conversation with a party interested in erecting a cell tower on LCRC property.

Philip Ostafinski will be retiring on January 10, 2024.

In questioning if other road commissions have had any experience with cases similar to LCRC's situation on the road end of Velt Ave in the plat of Chain-O-Lakes # 1, the matter was posted on listserv but has received no responses yet.

Williams informed the board of a FOIA request for information regarding non-motorized funding.

Williams requests closed session for an employee evaluation.

Motion made by Truxton to enter closed session at 9:10 a.m. to discuss an employee evaluation under MCL 15.268 1a. Supported by Haslock.  
Yea - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried.



Motion made by Truxton to re-open the meeting at 9:17 a.m.  
Supported by Runnels.  
Yea - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL -

Work crews have been busy cutting trees and brushing, and blading roads as weather permits. Good progress has been made on Shepard Road in Sweetwater Township, and River Road in Elk Township.



DAILEY -

Patch crews have been out regularly.

Working with Townships on getting all maps for the 2024 brining season finalized.

LEUSBY -

Keeping up with maintenance. The recent mild weather patterns have been saving on equipment repairs and material and fuel expenses.

ROBINSON -

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

VanDyke presented the 2023 amended budget.

Motion made by Runnels to accept the 2023 amended budget with approval for Finance to make final adjustments while closing out the fiscal year.

Supported by Truxton. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.

Motion carried. Roll call vote.

VanDyke presented the 2024 budget for adoption.

Motion made by Truxton to adopt the 2024 budget. Supported by Runnels.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.

Motion carried. Roll call vote.

Motion made by Truxton to retain the current board positions through 2024.

Supported by Haslock. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.

Motion carried. Roll call vote.

**COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:**

Haslock - Thankful for a good past year and everyone has done a good job. Recognizes that 2024 will be a financially tighter year and expressed his confidence that we will get through it just fine.

Truxton - Thanked VanDyke for the work put into budget planning and VanDyke returned the gratitude for the attentiveness given to the issues that will be a challenge.

Runnels - Has not had any complaints and is thankful for the mild weather that we have been experiencing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

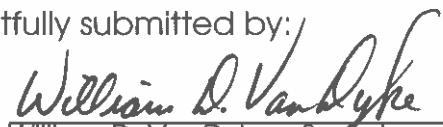
None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Truxton. Supported by Runnels.  
Yea - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried 10:19 a.m.

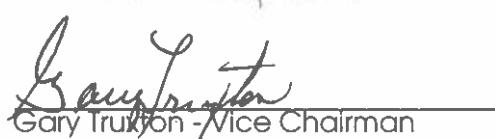
Next Meeting Date: January 11, 2023, Time: 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:

  
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Richard J. Haslock - Chairman

  
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Gary Truxton - Vice Chairman

Joan Runnels - Member